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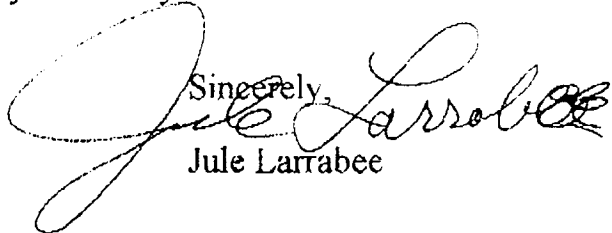
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

When I purchased my first computer in 1997 I was able learn programs quickly because of the easy format, which Microsoft had made. Although microcomputers have been around since the 1970's it has not been until recently that millions of people have been able to use computers, in part because of the innovations of Microsoft to make computers easier to use. This country would be many years behind with out Microsoft leading the pack. The other companies just want your power so they can become the leaders. This is all wrong.

I was saddened when I heard a while back that Microsoft had been brought to court in an antitrust suit, especially after all that they have done to improve computers. But now I understand a settlement has been reached in this case. I think it should be a high priority of your office to make sure that this settlement is completed and this case is over at the federal level. Settlement calls for Microsoft to share more information with competitors, and to give competitors more opportunities. (This is criminal) Clearly, the settlement is fair.

I support the settlement, and look forward to seeing the end of this case. Microsoft should be allowed to return to innovating and should not be held in court any longer than is absolutely necessary.

Sincerely,


Jule Larrabee

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